

DR. MARGUERITE HUNG: A LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of Dr. Marguerite Hung to the community of San Diego and to the acupuncture community of California and the Nation.

Dr. Hung was born in Taiwan, graduated from the Doctor Tsao Acupuncture Institute, and taught at the Taipei Acupuncture and Moxibustion Clinic until 1978. She then joined the staff of the Tri Service General Hospital in Taipei as an Acupuncture Practitioner—treating Army, Navy and Air Force personnel and their families. She was also a research member of the Research and Training Center for Acupuncture Science.

In 1979, Dr. Hung moved to California. As a private practitioner, she has been an active member of the acupuncture profession, giving generously of her time and experience. She has served as vice president of the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and was chosen by this group as Acupuncturist of the Year in 1994.

In 1992, she was appointed by the Governor of California to the Medical Board of California, Acupuncture Committee. She represented this board at the International Acupuncture Conference held in Italy and hosted by the World Health Organization.

Dr. Hung helped to found the Acupuncture Institute for Addiction-Free Life, a statewide, non-profit corporation organized to make a difference in our communities in the area of drug and alcohol abuse. She continues to serve as the president of this organization. She is a volunteer for the Holistic AIDS Response Program [HARP] in San Diego County. She also volunteers at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center.

She has traveled to Washington, DC to successfully persuade the Food and Drug Administration on behalf of acupuncture issues.

Her active role in the community and her lifetime contribution to Chinese medicine is being recognized at the 68th Annual Chinese Medicine Day celebration on Sunday, March 23, 1997. Chinese Medicine Day is historically a day of celebration of the unique place that traditional Chinese medicine has in the health care system and the benefits it bestows on the health and quality of life of our citizens.

It is truly fitting that the House of Representatives join in this recognition of Dr. Marguerite Hung. I appreciate this opportunity to call attention to the lifelong work of Dr. Hung toward making this world a better and healthier place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT COLLINS FROM A SOUTH BAY FRIEND

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pat Collins, a long-time activist, commu-

nity leader, and champion of family planning in the 36th District. She is being recognized on Sunday, April 6, by the South Bay Friends of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles which she successfully cofounded in 1989.

Pat has worked tirelessly for the combination of education, advocacy, and clinical services that define Planned Parenthood Los Angeles' mission. South Bay Friends has complemented this mission by establishing a speakers bureau for high schools, attending health fairs, planning fundraising efforts, and monitoring public policy concerning reproductive issues.

Furthermore, Pat's enthusiasm and dedication were strong forces in expanding clinical services through the opening of the Planned Parenthood Los Angeles South Bay Center in 1993 which provided family planning services to 5,200 clients last year.

Applying her "big picture" approach, her work in 1995 became international in scope. While serving on the board of the Population Communication Committee, Pat attended a collaborative meeting at the United Nations preceding the Cairo Conference on World Population.

It is said that, "If you want something done, ask a busy person"—and that certainly applies to Pat Collins.

In addition to her exceptional work with South Bay Friends and issues of population control, Pat has raised three daughters with her husband Richard, served as PTA President, church school director, Girl Scout leader, and vice president of the South Bay Law Wives. She directed 100 teachers aides in the schools, developed a peer counseling program at Miraleste High School, earned two masters degrees, and had a private practice as a marriage, family, and child counselor for several years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join South Bay Friends of Planned Parenthood in honoring Pat Collins whose tireless contributions have enriched our community. She will be moving from Rancho Palos Verdes to northern California and our loss will be their gain.

CALIFORNIA FLOODS EMERGENCY REPAIR ACT OF 1997

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the California Floods Emergency Repair Act of 1997.

California experienced a major flood catastrophe during December and January which resulted in nine deaths and an estimated 2 billion dollars' worth of damages to homes, businesses, and property. Agricultural losses are estimated to exceed \$150 million, and losses to our national forests exceed \$100 million.

Eight national parks in California were damaged including \$176 million in damage to one of the National Park System's crown jewels—Yosemite National Park.

More than 100,000 Californians were evacuated from their homes.

Fortunately, the President, at the urging of the California delegation, has submitted a dire emergency supplemental appropriation request to assist the many emergency agencies

who have been working night and day both during the catastrophe and during the recovery period. We owe a great debt to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Agriculture among many agencies who have provided skilled and timely assistance to many Californians.

During January, flood-fights were a common occurrence in California as the Corps of Engineers worked with State and local officials to repair breached levees, strengthen weak spots, and ensure that further lives and property would not be lost.

The Fish and Wildlife Service announced on January 23 that emergency natural disaster provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 [ESA] are in effect for 42 California counties and will remain in effect throughout the 1997 flood season. Interior Secretary Babbitt has reiterated this pledge to suspend the ESA during this year's flood season.

The purpose of my bill is to give this decision the force of law and to make it crystal clear to those involved in maintenance and repair of our flood control system that Congress stands behind this pledge.

Emergency repair work should go forward without normal ESA consultation and without the specter of costly mitigation once the repairs are made and the Sun is shining.

The bill makes it clear that any work performed by FEMA, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the National Resources Conservation Service under their emergency authorities, are exempt from provisions of ESA.

My bill also goes one step further. The Corps of Engineers has been directed to do a complete assessment of the flood control system throughout California in order to identify short-term and long-term plans for strengthening the existing system. Such a study may point out the need for maintenance or repairs to damaged facilities that are necessary to bring the facilities to substantially the same condition that existed prior to the floods.

My bill would ensure that the exemption to ESA covers such necessary repairs as well, even if the repairs are pushed past this year's flood season.

Unfortunately, some have seen the catastrophe of the California floods as an opportunity to allow sweeping changes in the Endangered Species Act that would alter it dramatically. Although I believe that some refinements in the ESA may be in order based on our experience base in California and elsewhere, our catastrophe is not the time to consider a major policy overhaul. My bill is a simple exemption linked to the emergency, a concept already given credence by the actions of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

I urge my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in the House to move the President's request forward with all deliberate speed. California is not the only State affected by winter disasters, and Americans in many parts of the country need this assistance immediately. It is my intention to offer this bill as an amendment to the dire emergency supplemental appropriations bill to put the authority of Congress behind these important considerations.

In short, California faces a significant challenge in assessing and repairing our flood control system, and in restoring the level of

confidence of our citizens as the same time we restore our system. While lives and property remain at risk, our normal procedures under the Endangered Species Act must, temporarily, stand aside.

The California Floods Emergency Repair Act of 1997 will ensure that the lives and property of our people will continue to be paramount.

RECOGNIZING THE INTERCOMMUNITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Intercommunity Child Guidance Center of Whittier, CA, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary on April 10, 1997. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the staff and volunteers who have worked diligently to provide counseling and treatment to the children and families of greater Los Angeles County.

The Intercommunity Child Guidance Center is a nonprofit agency, founded in 1957 by members of the Whittier Coordinating Council to provide low-cost quality mental health services for children, adolescents, and families who could not afford care elsewhere. Any family in need of services, regardless of income, is eligible if they reside within the County of Los Angeles.

Services provided include individual, family, and group treatment to children and adolescents with serious emotional problems. In 1994, a crisis intervention program was implemented to address the needs of children and families who have experienced recent crises, which includes follow up care to help alleviate serious emotional trauma. Also offered are parenting classes, which are provided free to the community, in both Spanish and English. These classes have become an essential part of client treatment plans in many cases. Psychological testing is available, when necessary, to assist in the treatment of a client, and medications are prescribed when needed.

The Intercommunity Child Guidance Center is a model public-private partnership committed to serving the mental health care needs of area families. Funded in part by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, the State Short-Doyle Program, and the United Way, the center also receives support from the communities it serves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the staff and volunteers at the Intercommunity Child Guidance Center as they gather to celebrate 40 years of providing mental health services to the greater Los Angeles County.

HONORING BOB BROWN

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment tonight to recognize the ac-

complishments of Robert T. Brown who will soon be retiring after 23 years as president of the Ulster County Community College. Bob Brown embodies a rare combination of qualities: visionary and doer; philosopher and achiever.

As Ulster County Community College's leader, he has planned for and overseen important campus expansions during times of growth and developed innovative and bold programs and partnerships to respond to economic downturns. He is an educator who has never lost his commitment to putting students first.

Bob has been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for his strong advocacy on behalf to 2-year colleges and the importance of their academic and community-based missions. He has been honored to receive the Northern Arizona University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the University of Texas at Austin's Outstanding Community College President Award, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow night I will be with Bob Brown and his family and his many friends to celebrate his life and his achievements, and most of all to thank him for being there for me and for our community. He is someone who has truly made a difference.

IN HONOR OF A GREAT MAN OF THE BENCH: FRED BORCHARD

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man of great distinction from Saginaw, MI—the Honorable Fred J. Borchard, who is celebrating 50 years in the judicial profession. Saginaw is extremely lucky to have a man like Fred Borchard serve on its bench. He has a great judicial mind, believes in the values of hard work and education, runs a disciplined and efficient courtroom, and tempers his decisions with compassion and common sense.

Fred Borchard grew up in Saginaw and put himself through the University of Michigan Law School by working at boiler and iron metal companies. Upon graduation, his law practice was put on hold almost immediately by World War II. Fred signed up with the U.S. Naval Reserve as an ensign, and then became a forward observer, where he went ashore in search of enemy gunfire and then signaled naval guns for fire power. He participated in landings at Leyte and Luzon, and then Okinawa where he was wounded by sniper fire. Fred received the Purple Heart Medal for his courage and commitment to this country.

Upon returning to Saginaw 3 years later, Fred won the seat of municipal judge, which he held for 7 years until he ran and won the position of probate judge. In 1958, 4 years later, then Governor G. Mennen Williams appointed Fred to the Saginaw circuit bench, making Fred one of few to serve in all three judicial posts.

Fred's long and auspicious career ended on January 1, 1989 at which time he was the oldest judge in the State of Michigan, a distinction he still holds since he continues serving on assignment. Fred also has the honor of

being considered the Lou Gehrig of the bench, as he has the longest term of service.

In addition to his professional involvement with the Saginaw County and Michigan Bar Associations, and the Michigan Judges Association, where he served as president, Fred makes it a priority to be involved in civil organizations. He served as president of the University of Michigan Club, and belonged to the Kiwanis Club of Saginaw and the Arthur Hill Letterman's Club. He has served on the board of directors of St. Luke's Hospital and on the board of directors for the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and the Alcohol Information Center. He also involves himself with Big Brothers of America, the Lutheran Children's Friend Society, and numerous veterans organizations.

Fred Borchard is a credit to the legal profession and to the community. I am extremely proud to know him and to say that we have both represented the people in Saginaw.

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO JOSEPH S. KREINBERG

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to salute today a very distinguished individual who resides in my congressional district. On April 22, 1997, Mr. Joseph S. Kreinberg will be celebrating his 95th birthday. Mr. Kreinberg has devoted much of his life to improving the quality of life for citizens in Cuyahoga County. Today, I rise to pay tribute to this outstanding American. I also want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some of the many achievements made by this remarkable citizen.

Joseph S. Kreinberg obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the Ohio State University. He began the practice of law in Cleveland in the late 1920's with his brother, Herman. After World War II, Joseph began practicing law with A.E. Bernstein, whom, according to Joe, had a major impact on his legal career and served as Joe's professional mentor.

Mr. Kreinberg's distinguished career has enabled him to interact with prominent politicians such as Robert Taft and William Saxbe. Mr. Kreinberg was also afforded the opportunity to work with former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harold Burton when Justice Burton served as mayor of Cleveland. As mayor, Mr. Burton appointed Mr. Kreinberg to the Cleveland Board of Zoning where he diligently served for 39 years. Mr. Kreinberg has also worked with public servants such as the late Senator Brickner, mayor and U.S. Senator Thomas Burke, and Mayor Frank Lausche. Mr. Kreinberg also had the privilege of working under my brother, the late Carl B. Stokes, former mayor of Cleveland, on many important issues. This extraordinary gentleman remains one of the most respected and vital members of the Cleveland community.

Certainly, Mr. Kreinberg's long and productive tenure as a public servant will forever remain in the hearts and minds of many citizens in Cleveland. However, for one to truly understand and appreciate the impact that Mr. Kreinberg has made in the city of Cleveland,